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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING CYCLIC LACTIC ACID OLIGOMER

**CLARIFICATION OF ALLOWED CLAIMS  
AND  
REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants note that the Notice of Allowability mailed March 30, 2004 incorrectly indicates the allowed claims as being claims 1-7 and 9-22 when, in fact, claims 1-7 and 10-22 should be indicated as being allowed. Accordingly, in order that the record is clear, Applicants note that the allowed claims are 1-7 and 10-22, and a corrected Notice of Allowability indicating the allowed claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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